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Another Call to Duty

In the life of John A. McCone, Los Angeles industrialist who perhaps was most popularly known to Southern Californians as the head of the California Shipbuilding Corp. (CalShip), which rushed construction of nearly 500 ships at Long Beach during World War II, the key word is public service.

Mr. McCone's record of public service is not only in his own Southern California but also even larger on the stage of the national scene.

President Kennedy has just given him another big task, to head the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) which has been in considerable hot water, particularly in the Cuba liberation mishap, and from which Allen Dulles will resign as chief in November.

It is obvious to almost everyone that this is not just a routine procedure.

John McCone will not just take over and continue for his predecessor.

He undoubtedly will tackle a major job in reorganizing the CIA, making that it is prepared to do a better job of espionage.

His past history shows him

fully capable of performing such a job, if he is given full confidence and cooperation.

He was Undersecretary of the Air Force when Harry Truman was President and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission during the latter three years of the Eisenhower Administration. He also was with the National Security Council.

Mr. McCone does not seek these jobs. They seek him.

His excellence in the government positions he has held has won for him the confidence of both Republican and Democrat leaders, although politically he is a Republican and devoted much effort to winning the Republican nomination for President for President Eisenhower.

It is with great respect that we hail his approach to this new and most important job in a period of international crisis. He knows that he and his wife will regret leaving to leave their San Marino home and friends but he added:

"I think it is a great privilege for a man to be able to serve his country in such an important area."